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December 2017

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be at 7:00 pm on December 11th. January's meeting is on the 8th at 7:00 pm. All Board of Directors meeting are held in our clubhouse and members are always welcome.

And

The Annual Meeting and Banquet is January 15, 2018. The doors open 4:00 pm. There will be the election of 5 Board of Directors members, President for 3 years, 1st Vice President for 2 years, 2nd Vice President for 1 year, and 3rd Vice President for 3 years. Also, a vote to amend bylaw 4.10 to add email and Social Media notification. This year we have premium raffle prizes of ammunition, range bag, BWSA clothing, Visa gift cards, and many other great items. There will also be a separate raffle of a Ruger American .450 Bushmaster. Get your raffle tickets in the office. You do not need to be present to win the rifle.

Upcoming Classes

CPL with Tom Carr, December 2nd and January 13th 8:00 am – 5:00 pm in the clubhouse and indoor range. To reserve your spot call Tom Carr (810) 987-7708.

And

New Member Orientation will be December 16 and January 13 at 10:00 am. This class is mandatory for all new members. Current members are encouraged to attend to brush up on our current range rules.

And

CPL with Jerry Sobocinski (810) 543-1676 December 29 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm, December 30 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and January 37 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, January 26 or 28th TBD

And

Advanced Pistol Fundamental Class with Jerry Sobocinski (810) 543-1676 December 30 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm and January 27 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

K. Crosby, M. Crosby, L. Crosby, A. Crosby, J. Dahlman, M. DuPree, S. DuPree, M. DuPree II, D. DuPree, Y. Elzein, K. Ernst, J. Ernst, D. Hakki, R. Hill, B. Hill, M. Holzhauer, P. Holzhauer, A. James, J. James, A. Janicke, J. Janicke, R. Lange, M. Lucia Jr, R. Lum, C. Mahar, S. McCracken, S. McCracken, R. Mertz Jr, G. Mitchell, V. Mitchell, B. Patterson, S. Patterson, D. Prater, A. Haria, C. Prater, L. Prater, J. Welchko, S. Welchko, T. Whitenack, C. Meador, T. Whitsitt

Shotgun

Our Winter Skeet and Trap leagues will be starting up soon. The Skeet league is 3 team members and Trap league is 2 team members. Men, women, and juniors are welcome to shoot. If you need some instruction, just let us know. We have lots of shotgun shooters who are glad to help. Shooting in the winter is fun and challenging. Fee free to stop by with any questions or to sign up.

Jan

Junior Smallbore

Smallbore upcoming dates December 19th we will be having our annual Christmas fun shoot. If you are currently not enrolled in the program and would like to participate be sure to go through our safety orientation no later than December 12th. This will be our last shoot until January 9, 2018. Come on out and have some fun. We also have a pot luck at our fun shoot.

Muzzleloader

December 31st.---Put that date on your calendar. That is the date of the muzzleloader "Last Blast of the Year". This event is a 25 shot woods walk with metal clangers of critters and odd shapes. Also, there is a Knife and Hawk throw, with a flint and steel fire-starting to break ties. After the event, we have a hot lunch for all and have many prizes to hand out. Registration is from 9:00AM until 11:00AM at a cost of only \$15.00 per shooter. Youth under 16 shoots for

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free. Primitive dress is Not required, but adds to the fun of the event. Modern in-line guns are welcome, but No scopes and must shoot a patch and round ball.

We have a lot of shooters that really look forward to this event. If you're a new comer, come out and give it a try---you will be glad you did. All shooters are out to have a good time and see what they can do. Targets are from 10yds. to about 50yds. Some easy shots and some a bit of a challenge. See you on December 31st!

Also, our Winter League will start the second Sunday in January. More info next month.

Winter Skeet League

Hello again skeet shooters. Plans are already in the works for the 2016 Winter Skeet League. The format will be the same as last year. 3-man teams shooting 500 birds over the course of the season. The season will be broken up into five (5) 100 bird segments. We'll keep the league fee at \$40.00 per man, same as last year. The league will be handicapped as always and the number of divisions will be determined by the number of teams signing up. We had 3 divisions last year with 23 teams. I'd love to increase it to 4 divisions if we get at least 24 teams. The shooting schedule will be posted in the clubhouse along with a few rules and regulations. Also, check the Skeet League tab on the BWSA website to get the same information if you can't make it to the club. With the hunting, golfing and boating seasons winding down, there's no better way to spend the winter months shooting skeet and staying in touch with your friends. Contact me or Jan at the clubhouse most shotgun shooting days if you have any questions. See you at the club.

Larry Sokolowski

Combat

COMBAT NEWS..... Combat is shooting Thursday evenings 6:45 pm till 9:30 pm in the indoor range. There will be specific courses of fire shot throughout the evening and a time for just informal plinking near the end of the evening.

Holsters are mandatory and you should have at least 3 pistol mags.

I would like to thank Nicole A., Bob B., Sam L., Larry J., and Fred S. that came out and assisted with cleaning up the brush and small trees on the ranges. As a reminder, please do not staple targets to the posts that hold up our backers. If there are no clips or clothes pins on the backers, please let me know and we will get some put out. You can also stop by the office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during office hours and pick some up from Tamra. If you have any suggestion for range improvements please send me an email and we will see what we can do. As always, be safe and enjoy our ranges.

Ed Allbaugh

2nd Vice President

Precision Rifle

Attention members, the Board of Directors needs to hear your feedback!!! At the November meeting of the Board of Directors, the Future Planning Committee presented a five-year plan, that amongst other improvements, included building a full time 850-yard range at BWSA!!

Our due diligence has shown that an 850-yard range would be a substantial benefit to existing club members and would also be a noteworthy improvement for the club as a whole. As it stands there is only one other long-distance range in the lower peninsula and similar ranges located in Ohio and Indiana.

Unfortunately, for most Michiganders this means a 3-5-hour drive to get to this type of range. This could all change!

Preliminary feedback has shown that many people would be interested in joining BWSA if it builds an 850-yard range. The Board has received dozens of emails from people in the immediate area as well as emails from individuals in Lansing, Ann Arbor, Ohio, and Canada who are all interested in becoming members if such a range is built. This prospective membership boost would be positive for the entire club.

First, the fees from new memberships would likely pay for the initial costs to install the 850-yard range in a year or less. Second, the ongoing yearly membership fees generated by the 850-yard range would be used to directly benefit all members. These funds could be

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allocated towards additional club improvements and maintenance for decades to come. Finally, BWSA would have a signature feature that no other club in the area has! Other local clubs have similar shooting facilities; however, an 850-yard range would be truly unique to BWSA. This would allow members to not only test their skills on such a range, but would also allow for the possibility of BWSA hosting a sanctioned PRS match, NRA silhouette matches, SASS Long Range side matches, etc.

Here is the sticking point. There are some folks on the board who are not in favor of an 850-yard range at BWSA. Despite the favorable cost to benefit ratio of such a range and the direct benefits to all members, some individuals are not convinced. Here is where I need your help. If you want to voice your support for the 850-yard range, email recon762wt@yahoo.com with your feedback. Thereafter, each one of your emails will be forwarded to every member of BWSA's Board of Directors (better yet, come to the meetings and state your support in person.) People on the board need to hear your feedback! A decision on this range is likely to be made within the next few meetings, so it is critical to act now. Thanks!

High Power Rifle

As 2017 comes to an end so does the rifle matches for the year. We are finalizing our schedule for 2018 and we expect to have that schedule posted on-line and in our club's calendar shortly. New this coming year will be CMP cross the course matches which are like NRA matches. Look for more details once the CMP 2018 rules become official. Have a great holiday season and we'll see you all on the firing line.

President's Report

As the year comes to an end and hunting season is upon us let us all keep in mind the hard work done around the club to make our facilities the best they can be. The volunteer efforts put in by committee groups, Board members, Division heads and event directors, not to mention the staff of BWSA needs to be recognized. What we have doesn't happen by chance, it takes effort and lots of it. In the near

future there will be detailed discussions on how the club could move forward to be even better and stronger than ever. The key is membership. A recent audit and evaluation of our finances revealed that we make most our operating and development monies from membership dues. We must be cognizant of the fact that shooting sports change with time and what was popular in past years might not be popular in the future. Recognizing this fact demands that we remain flexible to embrace shooting disciplines that will promote membership growth. Taking advantage of the popular disciplines will generate the financial stability that the club is dependent on to afford costly projects like a future clubhouse and indoor range facility. It is obvious to all that our facilities are growing old and outdated. We need to plan and save for these future very expensive facilities while still providing funding for other improvements like a new paved parking lot, new skeet machines and a new five stand field to name a few. I look forward to seeing you all the Annual General Meeting in January. There will more information on the future of the club facilities and how we envision moving forward into 2018.

See you all at the meeting.
Derek Stratelak, President.

Messages for January Elections from The Candidates:

Running for Board of Directors

~Ken Brooks~

I would like to ask for your support for my renewal on the upcoming 2018 BWSA Board of Directors vote at the Annual Meeting.

I have been a member of the club for over 30 years joining back around 1985. I have been a Board Member for 14+ years and have been elected by the Board of Directors to be Chairman of the Board in 2009, and ever since 2013 I pride myself in being non-biased and running an organized disciplined meeting. I don't take sides as a result of current or past personal likes or dislikes, but by what I think will run or promote

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the club better for our membership today and for the future.

Thank you,
Current Chair of the Board of Directors
Ken Brooks

~Jeremy Danielson~

My name is Jeremy Danielson and I am seeking a position on Blue Water Sportsman's Association's Board of Directors. I would like to contribute as part of a team to enhance the overall quality of BWSA. I volunteer regularly for various events at the club and participate in multiple disciplines. I want to represent the members of the club and insure our club is the best it can be. I am passionate about the success and prestige of our club. I will propose and support programs and decisions that diversify and foster growth at BWSA.

~Jan Frickert~

I, Jan Frickert, am running for the Board of Directors for the next term. I have currently served on the Board of Directors for the past three years and have managed the Shotgun Division for the past 6 years. I am honored to serve the members of Blue Water Sportsman's Association by making educated decisions to continue to see our club grow and accommodate all wishes of the club members. I feel we have one of the best clubs in the area and foresee more good things happening in the future. Thank you in advance for your support.

~Jeanette Peters~

My name is Jeanette Peters. I am currently a member of BWSA and a board member. I would like to take a moment to submit this, my letter of intent, and introduce myself to those I have yet to meet. I would like to continue my position on the board with the help of you and your vote. I am currently a volunteer with the Jr Smallbore program. I am both an NRA registered rifle coach and I take care of the administrative end of the Junior program. My Son, now in college and shooting on a college team, started out in our Junior program and I intend to help keep the program going for years to come. I have also volunteered my time to help with other activities at the club as well as

working on the marketing team designing new brochures and setting up at gun shows to help promote our club. Together, we can keep this the top sportsman's facility in the area as we also continue to grow and expand.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Jeanette Peters

~Barry Priestman~

I'm Barry Priestman and I have been your Treasurer over the last year. I ask for your continued support in January.
Barry

~David Ramales~

Dear BWSA Members,
Hello, my name is David Ramales and I am running for a seat on the Board of Directors for Bluewater Sportsman's Association. I have been a member of the club for many years and have participated in several of the shooting disciplines we offer. I compete for fun and as family outings in 3Gun and pistol venues in Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky. I especially enjoy the Friday Fun Nights and Long-Range Precision shoots at BWSA, as well as training on the back bays to hone my skills. I look forward to working with the Board and bringing new and fresh ideas to help increase revenue and memberships.
David R. Ramales

~Jerry Sobocinski~

Greetings BWSA, I'm Jerry Sobocinski currently serving on the Board of Directors. I'm also the division leader and head coach for the Junior Smallbore program and a USMC veteran. I was a Primary Marksmanship Instructor in the Corps then earned NRA credentials for air-rifle, smallbore, basic pistol, and Personal Protection in the Home for Michigan CPL. Since moving into these positions, I have worked with the Board of Directors and with donors to build a complete set of ten very adjustable target rifles which should last our program for many years and this is our second full season that we are using these rifles. Along with some outstanding volunteer staff we added the NRA Hunter Qualification course, had our program featured on Michigan Out of Doors television show,

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worked to promote our programs and club at local gun shows. I also have been approved by the board to hold CPL and other pistol instruction at the club facilities.

I've been on the board for the past two years and look forward to working with the many fine volunteers, spending time and effort to continually improve our programs and club. Thank you for your time and hope that you will consider me when you vote for the board this January.

Regards,
Jerry Sobocinski

~Michael Suwinski~

My name is Michael Suwinski and I'm from Detroit, Michigan. I have resided in St Clair County for 9 ½ years. I served honorably in 3 branches and retired from the U.S. military after 37 ½ years. I've been a BWSA club member for 4 years. I have achieved Distinguished Pistol and Distinguished Rifle. I participate in Bullseye pistol, High Power rifle, and Skeet leagues both as a shooter and NRA Range Safety Officer for the matches. When I'm not shooting you can find me hunting or reloading. I am looking forward to being an active member of the Board of Directors for the betterment of the club.

~Will Thompson~

As a current Board Member, head of the Future Planning Committee, and head of BWSA's Precision Rifle Division, I have been a force for positive change and a constant advocate for all BWSA members. Whether it was something as simple as removing the requirement to "certify" in order to use the 200-yard range, quarterbacking construction the new Multi-Use range, or supporting installation of new skeet throwers, I have always made it my focus to engage in positive activities to benefit the club. Additionally, as an attorney, I have provided significant legal and financial feedback to the entire board of directors. This includes developing a cash flow operating budget (something the club has never had) and providing suggestions on how to maintain the Club's 501(c)(7) nonprofit status. Technical legal and financial issues require someone with the correct skillset to be able to address them on behalf of all members. For this reason, if

reelected, I will also seek a position as the Club's Treasurer. Thanks for your support and please consider voting to renew my position on BWSA's board of directors!

Running for President

~Pete Galante~

Hello BWSA Members.

My name is Pete Galante and I am announcing my run for the position of your President. I've been a board member for approximately 20 years and feel it's time for a change. This club has been an important part of my life, and I'm proud of the club we've built. I would like to see the club keep moving forward in a positive manner. As President, I would work for the benefit of the club as a whole and not just for any one department. Thank you for your time and please show up to the annual meeting and vote.

Thank you,
Pete Galante

~Derek Stratelak~

Members, I am Derek Stratelak and I am your current President of Blue Water Sportsman's Association and have been for the past two years. I am also the High-Power Rifle Division Director responsible to conducting all NRA and CMP matches for the past 6 years. Our program has grown greatly as has the club during my Presidency. To date I have instilled several committees dealing with marketing, long range planning, auditing our finances and updating our web site. I have made personnel changes around the club and there have been many major projects completed in the past two years to improve the club such as new electrical to the skeet and trap fields, electrical to the north combat barn and cowboy range, new 50-100-200 yard multi-distance range, archery facility and improvements to the 600-yard firing line. There is still much work to do and to do it I seek reelection as President. My goal is simple; That BWSA is the finest shooting club in the Midwest for all shooting disciplines.

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Running for 1st Vice President

~Rick Frickert~

I, Rick Frickert, will be running for the position of 1st Vice President. I have held this position for the past several years and would like to continue with maintaining the Club house and making improvements. I am a retired carpenter and have a lot of knowledge that helps me maintain and repair different things around the Club house. Being that I am retired I am pretty much available anytime to be at the Club house when needed. I have maintained the floors and have maintenance done on the furnace and air conditioning units regularly. I also make sure our water is tested annually to make sure it is safe for our members, and that the fire extinguishers are safe and up to date. I donate a lot of time to the Club doing all these tasks, but I enjoy being part of the BWSA family. Future plans are to have the ceiling replaced with new LED lighting, painting the Club house outside, and replacing the flooring on the steps to the downstairs with tile so it can be kept clean. Thanks in advance for voting for me.

Rick Frickert

~Bill Murray~

My fellow BWSA members,
My name is Bill Murray and I'm running as your 1st Vice President. I have been a member for over 12 years. I have a passion for the shooting sport and participate in multiple disciplines. I am a certified NRA Pistol instructor, a certified NRA Personal Protection Inside and Outside the Home instructor, and an NRA Range Safety Officer. I look forward to representing all members. I look forward to working with your board and making this the best range in Southeast Michigan.

Bill

Running for 2nd Vice President

~Ed Allbaugh~

My name is Ed Allbaugh, retired US Army, and I am running for our club's 2nd Vice President

position. I volunteered to fulfill the duties of this position in July 2017 when Tom Goral resigned due to personnel issues. I have been a member of our club for a little over 10 years and would like to continue to serve the membership as your 2nd Vice President. I am a NRA Certified Chief Range Safety Officer and rifle, shotgun, and pistol certified NRA instructor. I am a part of the Hunter's Safety Course team and assist with running our Bullseye league, hunter sight in days, Member's Services committee, and woods walk. Along with shooting Bullseye I enjoy shooting Skeet, High Power rifle, and just plinking with the family. I ask for your support in January's election.

~Christopher Kensington~

My name is Christopher Kensington. My family and I have resided in Marysville for 8 years, and I have been a member of BWSA since January 2016. I have been an avid hunter and shooting enthusiast since being honorably discharged from the US military well over 30 years ago. I greatly enjoy bringing my older sons to BWSA to engage in some quality time and good-natured competition on the trap field, and I look forward to the day when my youngest son will be able to join us. BWSA is the premier sportsman's club in Southeast Michigan, and is the standard by which all other clubs measure themselves. There is no room for divisiveness amongst our club leadership. I am dedicated to seeing BWSA continue to prosper and improve, and I look forward to the challenge of serving as the club's new 2nd Vice President. I welcome open communication from club members.
Christopher Kensington

Running for 3rd Vice President

~David Bryan~

My name is David Bryan.... In this coming election I am running for the position of 3rd Vice President.

I've been a member of BWSA for the last 35 yrs. When I first started here, all there was at the club was the shotgun, indoor range and a 100-yard range that did not even have shooting benches yet. The club has come a long way. I've been an active

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member since the day I joined and a few years back the club honored me with a life membership for my service. I took over the Combat Division from Herman Chors, at that time just shooting in the basement. I started a PPC division and ran that for a few years. I was involved with Cowboy Action Shooting. There was only one club in MI, having shoots at that time, DSC. I spearheaded a campaign to start having monthly matches here at BWSA. We became the second club in MI to host matches. There are now over 13 clubs shooting Cowboy Action in MI. I was also instrumental in bringing the State SASS match to the club. 2018 will be the 20th anniversary of that State Match. Once I had enough of "dress up", I started 3 Gun shooting and have been involved in that for the last 19 yrs. We are one of the few clubs in the States that shoot true "3 Gun", not even 3 Gun nation shoots true 3 gun matches. This club allows for many different forms of shooting disciplines. There is something for everyone, it is truly an all-inclusive shooting club. I've been on the board in one form or another for many of those years. I still have a few good years left and with your vote at the annual meeting I look forward in serving you and seeing the club prosper in the future. I thank you for your consideration.

David Bryan.



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Tamra Allbaugh							Dec 2017 (Eastern Time)	
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As always the online calendar supersedes the calendar attached to the monthly newsletter.